

**REMARKS**

The Office Action dated December 4, 2003, has been carefully considered. Claims 2-7, 16-18, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30-35, 37-39, 40-4245, 46, 49 and 50 have been amended. Claims 1 and 29 have been cancelled. Claims 2-28 and 30-51 are in this application.

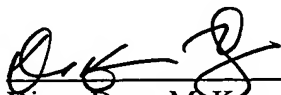
Claims 9-15 and 36 are allowed. Claims 2-8 and 16-28 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 13. Claims 30-35 and 37-44 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 36. Accordingly, claims 2-8, 16-28, 30-35 and 37-44 are allowable.

Claims 45 and 46 have been amended to include similar limitations of allowed claims 36. Claims 47 and 48 depend from claim 46. Accordingly, claims 45-48 are allowable. Claims 49 and 50 have been amended to include similar limitations of allowed claim 13. Claim 51 depends from claim 50. Accordingly, claims 49-51 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that all claims be allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should he believe that this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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